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"We're becoming the first generation in our country's history to leave our children and grandchildren with a lower quality of life than we inherited."

NDP Leader Thomas Mulcair

Nathaniel Parent has known hunger on-and-off for most of his life.

"For the most part, I don't eat very often," the 21-year-old says. Sometimes when his student-loan payments are due, he says, "I'll just wait to eat or maybe have something at a friend's house."

Parent says he often went without food as a child before being placed in foster care in Midland, Ont. Today he cleans offices for $11 an hour while he waits for a chance to acquire better job skills.

He currently pays employment-insurance premiums but, like most people he knows, Parent says he wouldn't expect to see any of that money if he lost his job. "I have no faith in that system," he says.

He adds that it's a struggle for many of his acquaintances to stay off the street.

From the unemployed to low-income families and poor seniors, more people than ever are struggling with grim choices as they try to cope in the new Canada presided over by Prime Minister Stephen Harper.

Since winning power eight years ago, the federal Conservatives have chipped away at programs that helped define the compassionate, caring Canada built over the course of several generations.

"If we continue down this path, the big danger is a more regionalized and more unequal nation," says former Saskatchewan premier Roy Romanow, who headed a royal commission on the future of health care in 2002.

Federal health-care spending is to be reined in. Canadians will have to work two years longer before receiving old-age security — a measure Harper said was meant to address Canadians' disproportionate focus on "our services and entitlements."

And at a time when 1.3 million are without jobs, the federal government has toughened the criteria that employment-insurance recipients must meet to hang on to their benefits. In all, only 37 per cent of jobless Canadians are eligible.

Dozens of groups dedicated to improving human rights or the well-being of the most vulnerable have also seen their funding reduced or eliminated.

At least 10 aboriginal organizations and more than a dozen environmental groups were hit. Groups working on child care, rights advocates, health-care researchers, immigrant support organizations and women's groups received less support from Ottawa.

NDP Leader Thomas Mulcair said the government is reducing "services that Canadians rely on" to pay for corporate income-tax breaks.

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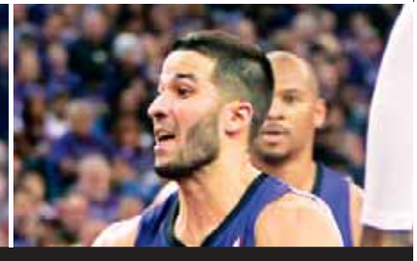

BIG TRADE A NET WIN?

The Raptors have traded Rudy Gay, top, to the Sacramento Kings as part of a seven-player blockbuster deal. Toronto will get John Salmons, left, Greivis Vasquez, right, Chuck Hayes and Patrick Patterson, while Raptors Aaron Gray and Quincy Acy are headed to the west coast. See story, page 32. TOP: SCOTT HALLERAN/GETTY IMAGES, LEFT: JEFFREY PHELPS/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS, RIGHT: RICH PEDRONCELLI/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Talkin' turkey at Honest Ed's

A little elf named Finlay gives out fruitcake at Honest Ed's on Sunday during the store's 26th annual turkey giveaway. People lined the street in freezing temperatures to get some of the more than six tons of turkey as David Mirvish continued the tradition his father Ed started in 1987. COLIN MCCONNELL/TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Panel eyes transit tax

Gas, corporate taxes? While it looked at the Metrolinx funding recommendations, Anne Golden says her panel will recommend a different approach

Anne Golden says she and her panel of experts have landed on the elusive solution to transit funding in the Toronto region.

While Golden wouldn't cite specifics, Torstar News Service sources say a gas tax, corporate tax and land-value capture will be in the mix when the province's Transit Investment Strategy Advisory Panel releases its recommendations on Dec. 12.

Road tolls and a regional sales tax aren't part of the plan.

In a key departure from the transit investment strategy released by Metrolinx in May, the panel headed by Golden will also endorse debt financing as a way to build the big-ticket projects identified in the Big Move regional transportation plan, including the relief line in Toronto and Mississauga's Hurontario LRT.

The panel's recommendations won't, however, focus exclusively on funding major projects. The report will also urge immediate investment in local transit improvements to begin filling the yawning gaps in the region's skeletal network.

It will recommend a phased-in approach that will, in the short-term, raise less than the $2 billion annually prescribed by Metrolinx, but build the funding over time. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Cost of congestion

The panel's report is the third time the Ontario Liberals have considered the issue of funding transit expansion. Congestion is estimated to cost the region more than $6 billion a year in lost productivity and 30 years of under investment in transit is considered a root cause.

- Ontario hasn't raised gas taxes since 1992. The 14.7-cents unleaded fuel tax raises about $2.4 billion annually.

Police, public pay respects to fallen officer

Fellow police officers, the public and members of the Croatian community paid their respects to the family of fallen police officer Const. John Zivcic on Sunday, filing through the Delmoro Funeral Home in North York.

Mayor Rob Ford and his brother, Coun. Doug Ford, arrived and left separately. They did not speak to the media. Toronto Police Chief Bill Blair cut short a vacation to attend.

Media were not permitted to attend the visitation.

Zivcic, 34, was responding to an emergency call for an impaired driver at about 4 p.m. on Saturday Nov. 30, when his unmarked police cruiser crashed and he was ejected onto the pavement. The accident took place near Bloor St. and Neilson Dr., just west of Highway 427.

Despite numerous surgeries, Zivcic succumbed to his injuries in hospital and died Monday, Dec. 2.

"I didn't know John, but we all share the pain of the loss of a member of our police family and we're all here to grieve with his family," said Toronto police Staff Inspector Bill Neadles after he left the funeral home on Sunday.

"Today it's John, tomorrow it could be any one of us," said Neadles.

A memorial service will be held at 11 a.m. Dec. 9 at the Toronto Congress Centre, 650 Dixon Rd. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Mourners head into Delmoro Funeral Home on Sunday. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

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Meeting with Mandela made its mark on HIV-AIDS activist

'What next?' Man wants to honour Madiba's legacy by tackling the disease and the stigma around it

AIDS activist Henry Luyombya, 33, holds a photo of him shaking hands with Nelson Mandela in 2003, at his home on Sunday. JOEL EASTWOOD/TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Nelson Mandela's death marked the end of a legendary life.

Henry Luyombya sees Mandela's passing as a starting point.

"What next?" Luyombya asked. "What can we do so that this gentleman — this freedom fighter, this statesman, who came from prisoner to president — how can we carry on his legacy?"

An activist at the Regent Park Community Health Centre, Luyombya draws inspiration from Mandela in his battles against the stigma surrounding HIV and AIDS.

It was an important issue for Mandela, whose eldest son died of AIDS in 2005.

Luyombya, 33, has been waging his own campaign against the immunodeficiency disease for most of his life. His efforts earned him a meeting with Mandela in 2003.

Luyombya met the former South African president at his home in Johannesburg, one of four youth activists sitting down with the statesman for a documentary. Luyombya said what Mandela told him made a lasting impression.

"HIV stigma sometimes kills human beings faster than the disease itself," Luyombya said, relaying Mandela's words. "If we are to address the HIV-AIDS epidemic in Canada and globally, we need to address HIV stigma."

It's a stigma Luyombya knows firsthand.

Born and raised in a small district outside Kampala, the capital of Uganda, Luyombya lost his father to AIDS.

Then, at 22, Luyombya tested positive for HIV.

He tried to keep his condition secret, telling only a few friends.

"Unfortunately, it ended up being news in the community," he said. "That struck me hard."

Isolated by his friends and community, he joined support groups and began pushing back by educating others about the terrible disease, talking about HIV prevention, condom use, and the importance of getting testing.

But there were setbacks. Funding for his youth radio programs was cut. When Luyombya raised LGBT issues on television, authorities told him that he couldn't talk about those issues in Uganda.

In 2005 Luyombya moved to Canada and later became a Canadian citizen. He now lives in Scarborough.

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Quoted

"(Mandela) was very passionate about HIV-AIDS. He himself had been personally affected, having lost many loved ones." Activist Henry Luyombya

If Rob's Mario, does that make Doug Luigi?

A popular Rob Ford stops for yet another picture at the Etobicoke-Lakeshore Santa Claus Parade on Sunday. COLIN MCCONNELL/TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Staying on top of the Rob Ford story can be tough.

Newly uncensored police documents, late-night TV parodies, city council votes, the occasional apology — the antics of Toronto's mayor have saturated news programs and media outlets around the world.

For a team of Toronto app developers, finding a way to turn the constant flow of news into a fun and up-to-date video game has become quite the challenge.

"This guy literally writes his own game every week — that's why this has been so tough," said Ben McEvoy, co-founder of Extra! Extra! Games.

McEvoy and his team designed Stay Mayor, a free game for Android and iPhone in which players control an unnamed, red-cheeked mayor who looks suspiciously familiar.

Players manoeuvre the mayor as he runs across a football field to collect bags of money to buy a video from "Squawker."

"It was basically just showing that this entire story is hilarious," McEvoy said.

The game hasn't been updated since its June launch, just a few weeks after the story of the crack video broke.

The team is designing a new version that sends the mayor across town collecting votes for an upcoming election. A small police Cessna will tail him as he dodges media from his driveway to the Gardiner Expressway to city hall.

At one point in the game, the mayor will transform into a giant subway car (tentatively called "Gravy Train mode") and shout "Subways, subways, subways!" as he pummels through cameramen and female councillors alike.

For around 99 cents, players can buy the "Brother Booster," a special bonus that helps blast away prying reporters and bring the mayor closer to his electoral goal.

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As for our Bowser ...

In the upcoming new version the game's conflict comes in the form of the media, who chase the mayor in a camera-wielding mob. To fuel his escape, the mayor collects buckets of chicken and cash. But watch out — hitting a glass crack pipe sends the mayor hurtling backwards, ever closer to reporters.

São Paulo

Canadian killed in Brazil car-jacking, reports say

Brazilian media reports say an Ontario businessman has been killed in an attempted car-jacking in Sao Paulo.

Globo media and other outlets say the man was fatally shot on Saturday on a highway outside the city.

Globo identified the man as Dean Tiessen and reported he is from Leamington, southeast of Windsor.

They're reporting he had been in Brazil since last month on a business trip for his agricultural company, New Energy Farms.

Foreign Affairs has confirmed a Canadian died in Brazil but is providing no other details. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Highway 401

Charges laid after bus carrying hockey players crashes

A distracted-driving charge has been laid after a bus carrying minor hockey players from a Toronto-area team crashed on Highway 401 outside Kitchener, injuring three.

Two Markham Majors players and a parent were taken to hospital with minor injuries after the coach bus they were riding in crashed into a roadside barrier Friday morning near Drumbo.

They've since been released.

Police have now charged the driver of the bus with distracted driving.

The name of the person charged has not been released.

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Speed trap

SUV clocked going over 200 km/h on highway: Police

A Mississauga man faces charges after police say they clocked a Porsche SUV travelling at 233 km/h on Highway 401.

Provincial police say an officer conducting a speed trap on a stretch of the highway in Toronto spotted the Porsche Cayenne zipping by in a 100 zone around 3:30 a.m. Sunday.

He notified other officers, who intercepted and stopped the vehicle in Whitby.

Police allege they discovered the driver had been drinking and was also sought on an outstanding warrant for failing to appear in court.

Calvin Williams, 29, is charged. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Earvin Nierva kisses his bride and fellow typhoon survivor, Rise El Mundo, as they pose for their wedding pictures on Saturday beside damaged homes and a ship that was washed ashore by Typhoon Haiyan in Tacloban city, Philippines. AARON FAVILA/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Philippine city begins to recover and rebuild

'Rise Tacloban!' Trucks haul debris, markets sell food and trees sprout new leaves as the city starts to get back on its feet

The government is back at work, and markets are laden with fruits and bread. Shredded trees are sprouting new leaves. Above all, the sounds of a city getting back on its feet fill the air: the roar of trucks hauling debris, the scrape of shovel along pavement, the ping of hammer on nails.

One month after Typhoon Haiyan, signs of progress in the shattered Philippine city of Tacloban are mixed with reminders of the scale of the disaster and the challenges ahead: Bodies are still being uncovered from beneath the debris. Tens of thousands are living amid the ruins of their former lives, underneath shelters made from scavenged materials and handouts.

City administrator Tecson Lim has begun talking of a silver lining: "The opportunity to transform our city into a global city, a city that is climate-change resilient and that can perhaps be a model."

Rebuilding will take at least three years, and success will depend on good governance and access to funds. The Philippines is currently posting impressive economic growth, but corruption is endemic and the country remains desperately poor, with millions living in slums.

But one couple in the town had other things on their minds Saturday.

Earvin Nierva and Rise El Mundo exchanged marriage vows at a church then posed for photos in a hard-hit area of the city. "This gives hope to people that we can rise up," said El Mundo.

Pumping his fist, her new husband said: "Rise Tacloban!" THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Support for reconstruction

The storm, one of the strongest on record to hit land, triggered an international response led by the United States and UN agencies.

- The Philippine government has joined them in paying for emergency employment for thousands who lost their livelihoods. The workers clean up debris and receive about 500 pesos ($11.36) a day.
- On Friday, the World Bank approved $500 million in budget support for short-term recovery and reconstruction. It is also assisting in designing typhoon-resistant buildings.

Memorial

Town of Palo remembers the dead

In Palo town near Tacloban, dozens of names of villagers who perished were read in a memorial Sunday before Archbishop John Du celebrated mass.

Held to remember the dead and provide healing and closure, the ceremony was attended by survivors who recounted their tragic ordeals, including a Roman Catholic priest who lost his mother and presided over her funeral mass.

"We have lost so much of what we own," Du said in the homily. "But here, friends, we have never lost hope."

As darkness fell, hundreds of villagers piled out of the cathedral with lit candles and walked in a procession to a mass grave of about 100 typhoon victims in the church compound that was fenced off by white ribbon and marked by flowers. Du blessed the dead then the grieving survivors began to walk away, leaving clusters of candles flickering in the wind. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

A child lights candles during memorial rites to mark one month since Typhoon Haiyan hit on Sunday, in Palo, Philippines. AARON FAVILA/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Son's death spurs campaign for asthma-safe schools

Ryan's law. In wake of 12-year-old's death, mother petitions for bill to force schools to develop comprehensive asthma policies

Ontario schools should allow students with asthma to carry puffers with them in case of emergencies, says the mother of a 12-year-old boy who died when no one could get his inhaler in time because it was locked in the principal's office.

Ryan Gibbons died Oct. 9, 2012 when he suffered a severe asthma attack during recess at school in the village of Straffordville, in southwestern Ontario.

Sandra Gibbons says her son told his friends he wasn't feeling well and probably started panicking when they had to carry him to the office where the inhaler was kept.

"So as he was going to the office to get his inhaler, he kind of was having a hard time and had to be carried into the office, and by the time he got there he had blacked out," she said. "To this day I really don't know how exactly the whole day unfolded for him."

School policy was to keep the inhalers under lock and key and staff repeatedly confiscated spare inhalers from Ryan, added Gibbons.

"I received many a phone call stating Ryan had taken an inhaler to school and they found it in his bag and would like me to come pick it up because he wasn't even allowed to bring it home with him," she said. "There's supposed to be one in the office and that's the only one he can have. I didn't understand why."

After her son's death, Gibbons, 40, started a petition asking the government to force school boards to adopt standardized asthma management plans, and urged all three parties to pass a private member's bill from Progressive Conservative Jeff Yurek.

"Unfortunately, I stand here today trying to get this bill — Ryan's law — in place so that nobody else has to feel how I feel every day, and that's missing my son."

Yurek said his bill would allow students with asthma to have a puffer in their pocket or backpack and force every school board to develop a comprehensive asthma policy.

Most school boards have some type of asthma policy, but they vary greatly in terms of scale and scope, added Yurek.

"In some schools, students are not allowed to have them outside of the principal's office, some have medical stations where teachers have pictures of students who need inhalers but still don't have it on hand, and in other schools it has to be in the teacher's desk, which doesn't help them when they go in the playground," he said.

Education Minister Liz Sandals expressed support for the idea behind Ryan's law during second reading debate in the legislature, but said there may need to be a more comprehensive bill covering other medical conditions such as anaphylaxis.

The Ontario Lung Association, which is backing Yurek's bill, said there are 1.9 million people in the province with asthma, including 500,000 children. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Tory MPP Jeff Yurek and Sandra Gibbons, the mother of a 12-year-old boy who died from asthma. RICHARD J. BRENNAN/TORONTO STAR

Minimizing risk

"There really does seem to be good evidence that, as soon as the child is able to manage their own medication, it's important that they have the puffer or the EpiPen on their person."

Liz Sandals, Ontario Minister of Education

B.C. Man's destructive rampage ends in arrest

A 38-year-old man is in custody after he allegedly slammed a five-tonne truck into six police cruisers and flooded Burnaby General Hospital in what police are calling a "destructive rampage."

The chaos began Saturday, when a Jeep Cherokee was reported stolen in Surrey, B.C., according to a Burnaby RCMP news release.

Around 1 a.m. Sunday, the man allegedly smashed the Cherokee into an unoccupied police cruiser outside the Lougheed Community Police Office.

He then traded in the vehicle for a five-tonne rental truck parked nearby.

Police say he backed the semi into two more parked police cars and proceeded to crash into three other cruisers, the abandoned Cherokee and, finally, a utility pole. By then, police had arrived, and they arrested the man as he attempted to run from the scene.

Officers took the man to Burnaby General Hospital for some medical and psychiatric tests. But before they could complete the evaluation, he jumped out of his hospital bed and yanked off a sprinkler head.

Pouring water forced staff to temporarily shut down the emergency ward.

Police are recommending charges of mischief and theft over $5,000.

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Paying respects

Mulcair, three ex-PMs board Harper's plane to South Africa

A who's who of Canadian politics boarded Stephen Harper's plane to join the prime minister as he flew to South Africa to pay respects to Nelson Mandela.

Harper will attend a public memorial for Mandela on Tuesday in Johannesburg, as well as his lying in state in Pretoria on Wednesday.

He was accompanied by three predecessors: Brian Mulroney, Jean Chrétien and Kim Campbell. Joe Clark is already in Africa and will also join the delegation.

NDP Leader Thomas Mulcair also boarded the plane, but not Justin Trudeau, the Liberal leader. Instead, Liberal MP Irwin Cotler joined the delegation. THE CANADIAN PRESS

South Africans unite to remember Mandela

Farewell to a hero. Mourners of all races come together to celebrate the man called 'that moonlight in the dark night'

A force for unity

"He said, 'Let's forgive,' and he forgave. That created a space for people to feel safe ... at a time when the expectation was that there was going to be a war."

Rev. Niekie Lamprecht, pastor of the Dutch Reformed Church of Pretoria East, who said Mandela was the driving force behind changes of attitude in the congregation's overwhelmingly white parishioners

In death, Nelson Mandela unified South Africans of all races and backgrounds Sunday on a day of prayer for the global statesman — from a vaulted cathedral with hymns and incense to a rural, hilltop church with drums and dancing.

Mandela was remembered in old bedrocks of resistance as well as former bastions of loyalty to apartheid.

"May his long walk to freedom be enjoyed and realized in our time by all of us," worshippers said in a prayer at the majestic St. George's Cathedral in Cape Town, where the first white settlers arrived centuries ago aboard European ships.

South Africa's reflection on Mandela's astonishing life was a prelude to a massive memorial in a Johannesburg stadium Tuesday that will draw world leaders and luminaries. They will gather to mourn, but also to salute the achievements of the prisoner who became president and an emblem of humanity's best instincts.

The extended farewell ends Dec. 15, when Mandela is to be buried in his hometown of Qunu in Eastern Cape province.

The anti-apartheid campaigner wanted to die in those modest, traditional surroundings; instead, he died Thursday at age 95 in his home in an exclusive Johannesburg area. He was surrounded by family after months of a debilitating illness that required the constant care of a team of doctors.

The Rev. Sebastian J. Rossouw compared Mandela to the biblical figures Isaiah and John the Baptist as men who led in dark times, calling him "that moonlight in the dark night."

God "sent us this man to show us the depths of the human heart, he sent us this man to show us that despite what was going on at the time, light could shine," Rossouw said. He warned of the flaws of modern life in South Africa, preaching against the "corruption and crime" that plague the country.

Mandela's ex-wife, Winnie Madikizela-Mandela, joined one of his grandsons, Mandla Mandela, and South African President Jacob Zuma in a prayer service in Johannesburg.

Foreign dignitaries began arriving Sunday, and the South African government said more than 50 heads of state were expected. Those attending include Prime Minister Stephen Harper, U.S. President Barack Obama, British Prime Minister David Cameron and UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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leads them in prayer outside the home of former president Nelson Mandela in Johannesburg, South Africa, Sunday. South Africans flocked to houses of worship for a national kicking off planned events that will culminate in what is expected to be one of the biggest funerals in modern times. MATT DUNHAM/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Mandela's jailer

An unlikely friendship

Christo Brand FACEBOOK

He was with Nelson Mandela during all those years the anti-apartheid icon was imprisoned on Robben Island. And, like millions around the world, he has been hit hard by Mandela's death.

Yet this South African was not one of Mandela's fellow prisoners. Christo Brand was his jailer.

Such was Mandela's charm and ability to turn enemies into allies that even the black political prisoner and the white Afrikaans warden forged an unlikely but enduring friendship.

Mandela and Brand last met about two years ago when Brand, now in his 50s, brought his wife, son and grandson to see Mandela in Cape Town in a Sunday afternoon visit that lasted nearly three hours.

They had "nice chats about the past, about his family. He wanted to pick up my grandchild, to hold him, which he was a little bit shy to go to him. You could see he really reached out for touching a child at that moment," Brand recalled.

"When I got the message when he passed away, it was very sad for me," Brand said Saturday. "But I think he was successful and he did what he wanted to do. I wanted him to go in peace and I am thinking of the family today, what they go through."

Brand once again works on Robben Island, which is no longer a prison but a bustling tourist attraction. He and other former guards and prisoners tell visitors about the new South Africa's racial reconciliation.

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Thailand

Political crisis deepens

Thailand's main opposition party resigned from parliament on Sunday to protest what it called "the illegitimacy" of an elected government with which it can no longer work.

The move deepens the country's latest political crisis as new street demonstrations are set to begin which many fear could turn violent.

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Germany

President boycotts Sochi

German President Joachim Gauck is boycotting the Winter Olympics and will not travel to Sochi, Russia next year. The decision is to protest against human rights violations and harassment of Russian opposition political figures. Gauck is an outspoken critic of Russia's human-rights record.

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Ukrainian anti-government protesters rally in Kyiv

Revolution of dignity. Solution to the crisis appears elusive with the Russian-aligned government making no concessions

Angry anti-government protesters toppled a statue of former Soviet leader Vladimir Lenin in the centre of Kyiv on Sunday and blockaded key government buildings amid huge street protests, raising the stakes in an escalating standoff with President Viktor Yanukovych.

The biggest protest in the former Soviet republic since Ukraine's pro-democracy Orange Revolution in 2004 led the government to fire back. It announced an investigation of opposition leaders for an alleged attempt to seize power and warned the demonstrators they could face criminal charges.

The West pressed for a peaceful settlement.

Hundreds of thousands of Ukrainians flooded the centre of Kyiv to demand Yanukovych's ouster after he ditched ties with the EU in favour of Russia and sent police to break up a protest. Packing Independence Square as far as the eye could see, Ukrainians waving European Union flags and sang the national anthem. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Quoted

"I am convinced that after these events, dictatorship will never survive in our country."

Opposition leader Vitali Klitschko. The protests have an anti-Russian component as Russia worked to derail the EU deal.

Ukrainian protesters smash a statue of Lenin after toppling it, in Kyiv, Sunday. EFREM LUKATSKY/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Smoke billows in the air in Egypt on Sunday after Al-Azhar University students lit a fire at the dorm gates to lessen the impact of tear gas fired by police to disperse protesting supporters of the country's ousted president. MOHAMED HASSAN/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Police, protesters clash at Egyptian university

Tear gas. Students hurled rocks at cops and tried to block traffic on a main thoroughfare

Egyptian police fired tear gas Sunday to disperse supporters of the country's ousted Islamist president protesting at the dormitories of an Islamic university in Cairo.

With the start of the school year, Egypt's universities have become the main venue for protests by supporters of Mohammed Morsi. The Muslim Brotherhood has organized protests, with marches on campuses nearly every day. Al-Azhar University, with largely Islamist students, has seen persistent protests.

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What sparked the protest

Last month, 12 students from Al-Azhar University were sentenced to 17 years. Another 21 were on Sunday referred to trial.

- Sunday's protests were fuelled by the referral and a crackdown against female protesters.

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‘How can I control them? I am not God’: Central African Republic’s president

Trying to restore calm. Violence has killed 400 civilians, prompting UN to sanction French military intervention

A displaced child carries firewood Sunday in Bangui’s monastery in the Central African Republic, where she and more than 10,000 others found refuge. French forces fanned out across the town Sunday, as Seleka forces kept their patrols despite an order to return to their barracks. JEROME DELAY/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

The rebel-leader-turned-president of Central African Republic acknowledged Sunday that he doesn’t have total control over former allies who are accused of killing scores of civilians.

In the latest abuse allegations, officials from two relief agencies said on Sunday that Muslim fighters from the former Seleka alliance that brought President Michel Djotodia to power had attacked a hospital in the capital Bangui, pulling out nine wounded young men who were accused of being part of a Christian militia and killing them.

The officials said the wounded men were removed from the hospital in front of horrified medical staff and the victims’ bodies were found just outside the building. The victims were suspected of being members of a Christian militia that attacked the capital on Thursday. That attack unleashed retaliatory violence across the city.

At a news conference, Djotodia acknowledged the difficulties of controlling the ex-Seleka fighters, who came from several different northern rebel groups with the common goal of ousting President Francois Bozize from power in March after a decade in office.

“There are allegations that I cannot control my men.… I only know those who are with me,” said Djotodia, who has traded his former rebel fatigues for a presidential grey suit and black tie. “Those who aren’t — how can I control them? I am not God…. And this country is vast — 623,000 square kilometres.”

Djotodia has formally dissolved the Seleka alliance of rebel groups, and his fighters now consider themselves soldiers in the national army.

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French intervention

Residents flee homes

French forces fanned out across Bangui on Sunday and also made their way north to the highly volatile town of Bossangoa, where some 40,000 Christians are seeking refuge at a Catholic mission and more than 7,000 Muslims have also fled their homes. In addition, thousands of locals have fled to the Bangui airport to seek the protection of French soldiers.

France is raising its Central African Republic deployment to 1,600 troops — 400 more than first announced for the mission in its former colony. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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American veteran, 85, returns safely from North Korea

North Korea. Merrill Newman was detained at the end of a trip to country; his age was cited in decision to allow him to leave

A tired but smiling 85-year-old U.S. veteran detained in North Korea for several weeks has returned home to applause from supporters, yellow ribbons tied to pillars outside his home and the warm embrace of his family.

Merrill Newman arrived at the San Francisco airport Saturday after turning down a ride aboard Vice-President Joe Biden's Air Force Two in favour of a direct flight from Beijing. He emerged into the international terminal smiling, accompanied by his son and holding the hand of his wife amid applause from supporters. He spoke briefly to the assembled media, declining to answer any questions or discuss his ordeal.

Merrill Newman walks beside his wife Lee after arriving in San Francisco. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

"I'm delighted to be home," he said. "It's been a great homecoming. I'm tired, but ready to be with my family."

He also thanked the Swedish Embassy in Pyongyang, North Korea, and the U.S. Embassy in Beijing for helping to secure his release. Sweden represents America's interests in North Korea. Newman was detained in late October at the end of a 10-day trip to North Korea, a visit that came six decades after he oversaw a group of South Korean guerrillas during the 1950-53 war.

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A wild caribou roams the tundra near The Meadowbank Gold Mine located in the Nunavut Territory of Canada. Environmentalists are asking why government rhetoric on saving caribou habitat isn't matched by what's happening. They say both Ottawa and Alberta have committed to preserve the very area currently being hammered by development. NATHAN DENETTE/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Madison

$60 to snuggle?

A new snuggling business in Wisconsin's capital city may have closed amid scrutiny from city officials.

Customers at Madison's Snuggle House can snuggle with professional cuddlers for $60 an hour. Supporters say the business helps people relax through non-sexual touch.

But city officials suspect the Snuggle House may be a thinly veiled brothel and cuddling will lead to sexual assault. Police say they're planning sting operations at the Snuggle House.

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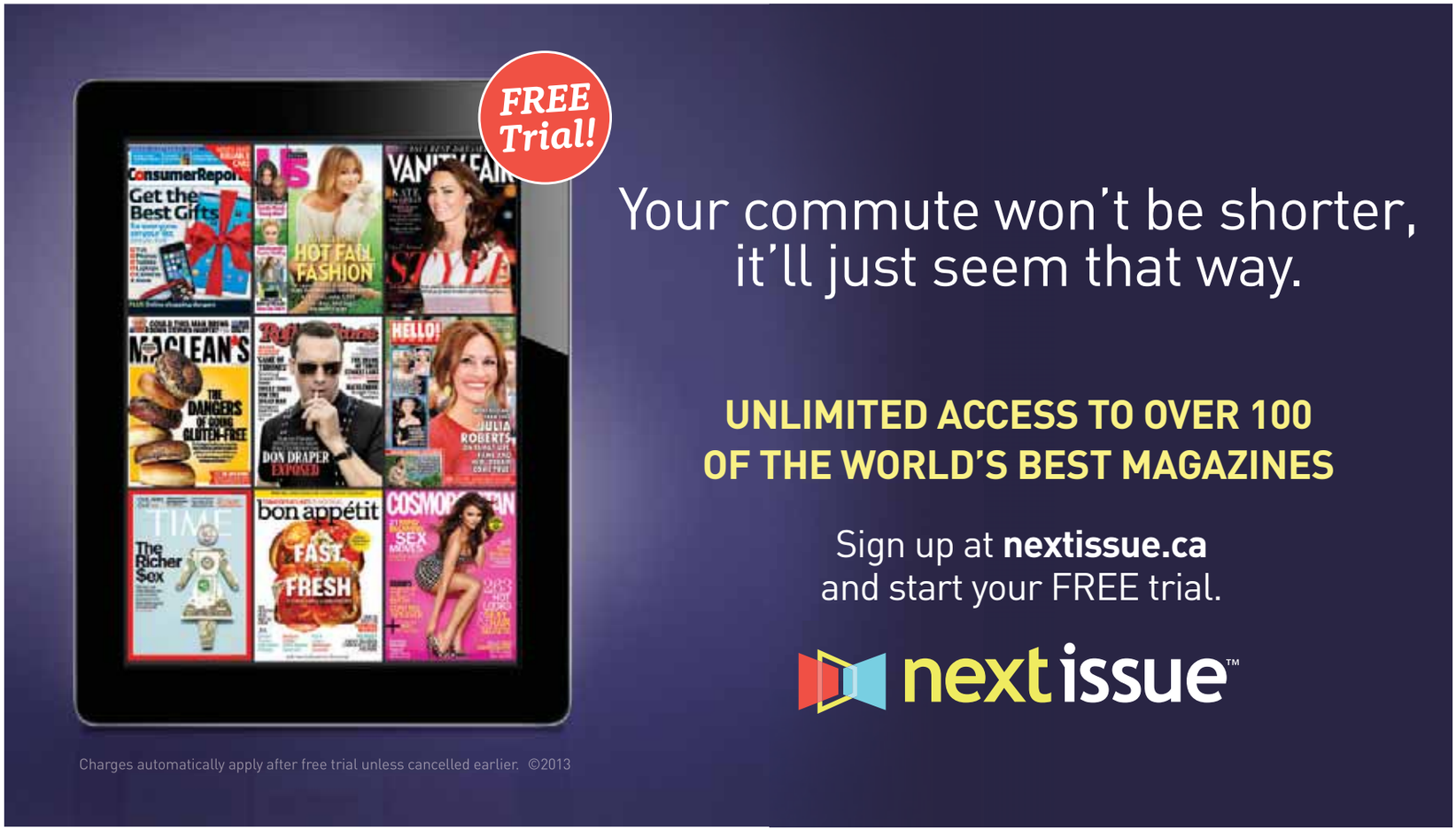
Lac-Mégantic

Quebec heroes

Firefighters, paramedics, and police who responded to the train derailment in Lac-Mégantic were honoured Sunday near the site of the tragedy. Quebec premier Pauline Marois attended. THE CANADIAN PRESS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Bahrain, Algeria, Iraq get new exports of Canadian guns, ammo

Arms control. Canada has yet to sign the UN Arms Trade Treaty (ATT), an attempt to regulate the multi-billion dollar industry

Bahrain, Algeria and Iraq, countries with dubious human rights records or a history of violent internal conflict, have recently become new buyers of Canadian-made guns and ammunition, an analysis of federal government data shows.

The analysis by The Canadian Press found that Canadian exports to those countries swelled by 100 per cent from 2011 to 2012, the most recent figures publicly available.

During the same time period, exports of Canadian weapons also increased to Pakistan (98 per cent), Mexico (93 per cent) and Egypt (83 per cent) where, respectively, al-Qaida terrorists, a deadly government war on drug cartels and seismic political upheaval have sparked violence.

Though Canada's arms trade is legal and regulated, analysts say the increases raise questions about the government's foreign policy commitment to human rights, and its regulatory regime for arms exports.

"Diversification is a principle of business in this globalized economy. As we see western militaries decrease their defence budgets, military industries will be looking for new markets," said Walter Dorn, the chair of international affairs studies at the Canadian Forces College.

Canada's sales to Bahrain and Algeria skyrocketed between 2011 to 2012 — a period during which both countries suppressed pro-democracy democratic protests. "It is really strange timing that Canada would be increasing a sale of arms or military equipment, let's say, at this moment when Bahrain has been involved in violently repressing its own peaceful democracy demonstrators," said Roland Paris, director of the Centre of International Policy Studies at the University of Ottawa.

The Canadian Press provided a list of questions to the offices of International Trade Minister Ed Fast and Foreign Affairs Minister John Baird, but a reply from Foreign Affairs left many unanswered.

Foreign Affairs carefully reviews all export of weapons to ensure they "do not contribute to national or regional conflicts or instability" or "are not used to commit human rights violations," the statement said.

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Rehtaeh Parsons vigil: Mourners gather in Halifax

Leah Parsons, centre, hangs an ornament on a Christmas tree during a vigil in honour of her daughter Rehtaeh as partner Jason Barnes looks on. Rehtaeh, who took her own life last April after being bullied over an alleged sexual assault, would have turned 18 on Monday.

RUTH DAVENPORT/METRO HALIFAX

Sensible B.C.'s attempt to force pot referendum fails to ignite

There was plenty of smoke, but ultimately no fire for Sensible B.C.

Campaign organizer Dana Larsen confirmed Sunday that the Citizen's Initiative for a referendum on decriminalizing marijuana possession has failed ahead of Election B.C.'s Monday deadline.

"We're not going to make it," said Larsen. "We're very proud of our team of canvassers and what we accomplished. Two-hundred thousand signatures is still a remarkable feat."

Larsen and his team needed to collect the signatures of 10 per cent of registered voters in every single one of B.C.'s 85 electoral districts in a 90-day period for the initiative to be a success.

"We're not done counting yet and there are last-minute signatures coming in, but it looks like we reached the threshold in about two dozen ridings," said Larsen.

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Members of the Sensible B.C. campaign beside the Cannabus, their mobile headquarters. JENNIFER GAUTHIER/METRO FILE

Trying to crack open a new market — CEO Josh Tetrick holds a species of yellow pea used to make Just Mayo, a plant-based mayonnaise, at Hampton Creek Foods in San Francisco. ERIC RISBERG/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

I can't believe it's not mayo!

Which came first, the chicken or the egg? Hampton Creek Foods hopes the answer is neither, as it aims to find plant-based alternatives for foods like mayo

The startup is housed in a garage-like space in San Francisco's tech-heavy South of Market neighbourhood, but it isn't like most of its neighbours that develop software, websites and mobile-phone apps. Its mission is to find plant replacements for eggs.

Inside, research chefs bake cookies and cakes, whip up batches of flavoured mayonnaise and pan-fry omelets and French toast — all without eggs.

Funded by prominent Silicon Valley investors and Microsoft founder Bill Gates, Hampton Creek Foods seeks to disrupt a global egg industry that backers say wastes energy, pollutes the environment, causes disease outbreaks and confines chickens to tiny spaces.

The company, which just started selling its first product — Just Mayo mayonnaise — at Whole Foods Markets, is part of a new generation of so-called food-tech ventures that aim to change the way we eat.

"There's nothing to indicate that this will be a trend that will end anytime soon," said Anand Sanwal, CEO of CB Insights, a New York firm that tracks venture capital investment. "Sustainability and challenges to the food supply are pretty fundamental issues."

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Possible benefits

- Alternatives to eggs, poultry and other meat could be good for the environment because it could reduce consumption of meat, which requires large amounts of land, water and crops to produce, backers say.
- It could also benefit people's health, especially in heavy meat-eating countries like the U.S., and also reduce outbreaks of diseases such as avian flu, advocates claim.

Pope gives voice to 'cries of the poor'

The statue of the Virgin Mary is adorned with a wreath of flowers as Pope Francis prayed, on the occasion of the Immaculate Conception feast, in Rome, Sunday. In the heart of the capital city's fanciest shopping district, the Pope prayed people "never be left indifferent to the cries of the poor." His appearance follows a papal tradition of public prayer before a statue of Mary on Dec. 8, a church holiday honouring the mother of Jesus. GREGORIO BORGIA/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Research. Drug from viper venom may stop cause of heart attacks, strokes

It's one of the world's most poisonous snakes, and researchers hope the venom of the viper dubbed the "hundred pacer" can provide a medication to help prevent one of the world's leading killers.

A team of researchers has purified a protein from the snake's venom to develop an experimental drug aimed at preventing blood clots that can cause a heart attack or stroke.

The venom from the Southeast Asia pit viper is so potent that it is referred to by local residents as a hundred pacer — based on the belief that someone who is bitten will be able to walk no more than 100 steps before dying. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Quoted

"The concept that we can harness something potentially poisonous in nature and turn it into a beneficial therapy is very exciting."

Dr. Heyu Ni, of Toronto's St. Michael's Hospital involved in the drug's development.

Venom is extracted from a Southeast Asian viper, which may help prevent heart attacks and strokes. ST. MICHAEL'S HOSPITAL, HANDOUT/THE CANADIAN PRESS

$338,000 US award

Lawsuit could 'chill online speech,' say Internet giants

From Twitter and Facebook to Amazon and Google, the biggest names of the Internet are blasting a federal judge's decision in a defamation lawsuit by a former Cincinnati Bengals cheerleader convicted of having sex with her former high school student.

The Internet giants recently filed briefs in the U.S. 6th Circuit Court of Appeals in Cincinnati.

The briefs are part of a lawsuit Sarah Jones brought against the website thedirty.com. A jury found in July that posts on the site about Jones were substantially false and awarded her $338,000 US.

The companies argue the judge's ruling in favour of Jones has the potential to "significantly chill online speech" and undermine a 1996 federal law that provides broad immunity to websites.

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LET'S MAKE CHILD CARE THE LEGACY

URBAN COMPASS

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More than 150 Torontonians signed up last week to speak at a city hall budget meeting. That wasn't a surprise. Public engagement has been on the rise since Mayor Rob Ford took office. People feel they need to show up for fear that otherwise someone will point to a service they rely on and bellow, "GRAVY!"

What was more notable was the issue many of them came to talk about. They were there to talk about child care. They were there to fight for it.

And they had a point. Daycare costs in this city are enormously expensive. For most families, putting a kid in child care works out to the financial equivalent of taking on another mortgage payment. That'll put the squeeze on even middle- and high-income earners. For those below the poverty line, it's hopeless.

The city does offer child-care subsidies for low-income families, but they're doing a lousy job of keeping pace. In January 2009, the waiting list for child-care subsidies was 14,720, according to numbers provided by the city's open data initiative. Just four years later, the wait list had grown to 19,790 — a 34 per cent increase.

Under current trends, the waiting list for affordable daycare will soon exceed the total number of affordable child-care spaces available.

There are lots of reasons for this. Part of it has to do with the prevalence of critics that wonder why parents can't just take care of their own children. These perspectives ignore the economic realities facing a lot of families. For single parents especially, the only alternative to having affordable child care is unemployment. And with that comes greater demand for other social programs — and greater costs.

Even amongst those in government who understand that, there's a blame game that stands in the way of a permanent fix. The municipal government rightly wants provincial funding help. But the provincial government wants Ottawa to step in. And the federal government, of course, seems stuck in a belief that child care should really be a local government issue.

It's like a carousel. But not a fun one.

Mostly, though, I think the biggest obstacle to real progress is that child care is not an issue anyone ever wants to talk about. Politicians and people with soapboxes — me included — prefer to rattle on about shinier issues: Subway trains and development and Rob Ford blunders.

That should change, but I don't have confidence that it will. There's a municipal election coming, but it seems hard to imagine child-care investment at the top of any candidate's platform.

Instead, I expect more of the same: They'll talk about building and budgeting, and leaving a great civic legacy. But isn't it hard to talk about civic legacy without a plan to take care of our kids?

Read more of Matt's blog, Ford for Toronto, at metronews.ca

ZOOM

One team caves in first

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Cricket goes deep in the ground

The world's first underground cricket match has taken place in a slate mine under a mountain.

The unique sporting fixture saw village clubs Caldbeck and Threlkeld play 600 metres (2,000 feet) deep inside England's last working slate mine at Honister in the English Lake District.

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The treasurer says

"It was murky, water was dripping off the sides of the mine, the ground was muddy and the balls kept ricocheting off the walls. But it was a nice game, despite our team losing."

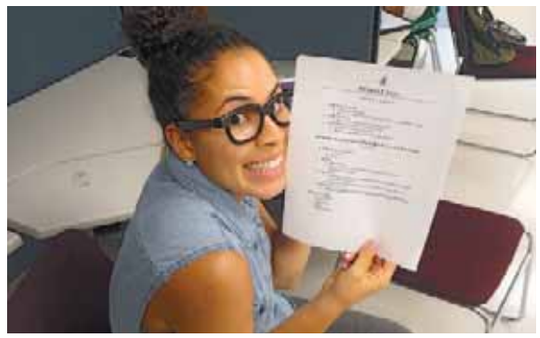
Michael Webster, treasurer of Threlkeld Cricket Club
The match was won by Caldbeck after they scored 28 runs with one over and four balls to spare.

Club raises money with extreme game

In June 2012, Threlkeld was hit by a flood that wrecked the club's cricket ground. To raise money to fix it, the club invented Extreme Cricket: Matches played in unusual locations, the photos of which are made into a calendar sold online. With proceeds from their site rainstoppedplay.org, Threlkeld hopes to have their ground ready in August. **METRO**

Where else?

- The game has also been played on a frozen tarn; on a mountain in the Lake District; on top of a steam engine; underwater in the local Derwent River; and inside a local theatre.
- The cricket club says it has no plans to export the quirky game overseas.



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Across the nation in our neighbourhoods, Canadians are up to a whole lot of good. Here's one we'd like you to meet.

Who: Tahirah Stanley, 24, (pictured) actor and activist, from Toronto.

What: Theatre for Peace, a youth-empowering performing arts program.

Why: "Theatre has a way of really encouraging people to step outside their comfort zone and develop confidence — that's what it did for me," says Stanley.

Two years ago, Stanley started Theatre for Peace, a program that engages Toronto teens to combine their interests for the arts with their passions for social issues. Eight to 10 youth participate in each 12-week course, choosing issues to focus on and working with industry experts to create performances to share with the community — from poetry to rapping to dancing.

What inspired you to get started? "Theatre is really, really important in my life. I wanted to be a positive role model to youth in my neighbourhood, and I thought they would benefit from being connected to people outside their immediate community."

What motivates the work you do every day? "The youth that I work with are amazing! It really fuels my soul to see the change and the impact in these youth. It makes me happy to see other people happy, and to see them flourishing and becoming confident people."

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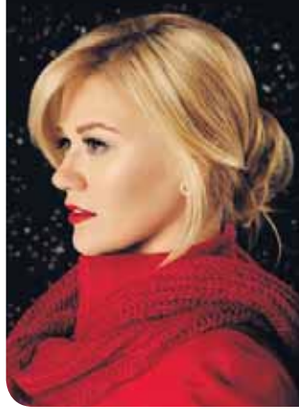

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It took a dragon to drag actress Evangeline Lilly out of retirement

The Hobbit: The Desolation of Smaug. She was done with her profession, then Peter Jackson called

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Evangeline Lilly plays the 600-year-old wood elf Tauriel in The Desolation of Smaug, opening Friday. CONTRIBUTED

The show Lost propelled Evangeline Lilly from unknown model to television star.

For six seasons she played Kate Austen on the hit series, earned a Golden Globe nomination, numerous Sexiest Women in the World titles and became the face of L'Oreal Paris.

But the trappings of fame didn't sit well with the Alberta-born actress. "I'm a small town Canadian girl," she says. "It just doesn't jive with me."

So instead of looking for the next big thing following Lost's 2010 finale, she took a step back.

"My resolve to retire came when I realized it was actually the job itself that was killing me. I'm a very undramatic woman. I keep my life very simple. I don't have a lot of emotional energy to spend. I don't argue with my spouse. I don't make drama where there doesn't need to be any. I don't have girlfriends who are dramatic. I just can't stomach it.

"Having a job that required that I be at the height of drama emotionally for 14 hours a day, all day, every week for six years running was doing bad things to my health, to my psyche. I wasn't in a good place. I really believe if you're not happy, get out. It doesn't matter how much someone is paying you or how famous you've become, it's not worth it if you're not happy and you're not healthy."

It took Peter Jackson and a plum role in The Hobbit: The Desolation of Smaug to bring her out of self-imposed seclusion.

"When they asked me I was three months out of giving birth to my first son," she says. "I thought I had retired to a life of writing and motherhood. I thought I was done with acting. And then he called. I thought, 'This is too huge of an honour. I can't say no to this. This is something I had dreamed about since I was a little girl,' so I took the job."

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"This is something I had dreamed about since I was a little girl."

Evangeline Lilly on playing her role in the new Hobbit film.

In the action-adventure she plays Tauriel, a 600-year-old wood elf created specially for the film. She says the character is "driven by her desire to help the vulnerable and the weak."

We'll see her again as Tauriel next year in The Hobbit: There and Back Again and after that, who knows, although she says, shooting The Desolation of Smaug in New Zealand was "such a positive experience that it has actually changed my mind about my profession."

On powerful females

- **Evangeline Lilly likes the soft side of her current role.** "One of the things I struggle with, with powerful female roles in the media right now, is that often they are associated with male violence. If a woman can kill and slaughter like a man then suddenly she's a powerful woman, which I actually think diminishes her power. I don't think that makes them powerful. I like that this character is a softhearted compassionate elf driven out of her need for justice and her seeking of the truth. I think that is more a distinct female power. I think in the past vulnerability and compassion have been associated with weakness and I think they give a woman her power."

Lupe Fiasco's new album comes out in early 2014. GETTY IMAGES

Rapper Lupe Fiasco is all about the love these days

New album. Fiasco says his new album is darker, but his first single, Old School Love, shows a soft side

EMILY LAURENCE
Metro World News in New York City

Lupe Fiasco's fans call him the "realest rapper."

The artist has never been shy about using his songs to speak his mind, especially when it comes to politics and social issues. So teaming up with Ed Sheeran to sing about love might come as a surprise.

"I was a little hesitant at first," Fiasco says about his collaboration with the red-headed Brit on his new single, Old School Love.

"My friend Guy Sebastian, who did Battle Scars with me off my last album, told me I had to do it."

It's good Fiasco took his friend's advice. The song is in heavy radio rotation and is steadily climbing the charts.

Old School Love is the first single off Fiasco's upcoming album, Testuo and Youth (out early 2014), which the rapper says is darker than his past four albums.

"Old School Love is a very soft song, but the rest of the album is a bit harder and more aggressive. I didn't want to make a soft and fluffy album," he says.

Unlike his last album, Fiasco is steering clear of politics on his new record, but the tracks are by no means "safe." One song, Crack, is about crack cocaine, and in Blur My Hands, he raps about road rage.

"The song is about people flipping you the bird, but it's about taking that and saying you're actually No. 1."

Fiasco is previewing his new songs on the tour, but he'll of course be showcasing his old hits like Kick Push and Superstar — and he will be paying close attention to the audience to see who knows the words.

"One of my most memorable fan encounters was of this guy who was a couple of rows from the front and he knew the words to every song — even the small weird songs and the limited edition songs," Fiasco says.

"I ended up bringing him on stage."

Now that Fiasco's been on the scene for a while, he's using his fame to introduce new talent at his concerts.

Mickey Factz, New Orleans rapper Dee-1 and Chicago-based Boy Illinois are all sharing the stage with Fiasco throughout the 32-city tour.

"They've just been killing it," Fiasco says.

"Now that I'm a sort-of veteran, I'm more excited about seeing my homies come up and shine than I am about playing stadiums or seeing people jump around."

Quoted

"One of my most memorable fan encounters was of this guy who was a couple of rows from the front and he knew the words to every song — even the small weird songs and the limited edition songs."
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Why Big Ang is (mostly) for real

Living large. Apart from the obvious, the Mob Wives star doesn't know how to be fake

ALEXANDRA CAVALLO
Metro World News

In reality TV, everything is larger than life — big drama, big personalities and, well, big boobs. Mob Wives star Angela "Big Ang" Raiola fits that bill, and hers are bigger than most.

If you ask Ang, she actually doesn't care for the drama. But good times, plastic surgery and booze — she just came out with her own line of wines, Big Ang Wines — are a different story. We got Ang and longtime family friend and Mob Wives producer Jenn Graziano (sister of cast member Renee Graziano) on the line to ask them a few questions about the show, which is now in its fourth season.

Angela "Big Ang" Raiola is one of the stars of Mob Wives. GETTY IMAGES

Ang, when Jenn asked you to be on the show, what was your initial reaction?

Ang: I was very nervous. When she said, "We're going to put you on TV," I thought, there is no way, I don't know how to do that.

Jenn: She exploded immediately. It was like instant fame, instant stardom. They all loved her right away. We knew what was going to happen, she didn't believe but we did.

From what we see on the show, your personality is larger than life. How much of this is real and how much is you putting it on for the cameras?

Ang: All of it, it really is all true stuff. I am like that.

Jenn: One hundred per cent. I don't think Ang knows how to be fake.

Ang: That's me everyday. That's been me my whole life. Always working in bars, you have to have that personality all the way.

Is everything that happens on the show real?

Ang: Oh no, our show is very real. Sometimes a little TOO real.

Jenn: Yeah, she's right. Sometimes we wish those things weren't really happening. But they are. We really follow what's going on in their lives. And obviously we can't follow everything so we pick and choose what we think the viewers would want to see sometimes, but really this is what's going on, when the girls are fighting on camera, they are really fighting off camera too. When they're getting along, they are really getting along.

Was it hard at first, Ang, putting your life on TV? Was that a major adjustment?

Ang: It was hard when my son had his problems and it was on TV… but maybe it could help another kid.

Have you had any backlash from the show? When Jersey Shore came out, people from Jersey were furious about how they were portrayed.

Ang: Honestly, I think everyone in Staten Island likes us. Maybe there are a couple of haters, but no one important. All the important people are proud of us.

Review

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With their letters censored by a sinister authority, two friends must constantly invent covert ways to communicate. To follow along you have to type in their redacted words, guessing at what's being said and treating each page like a riddle. As the codes become more complex the story remains witty and moving, a sharp reminder of the freedom privacy protects.

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Paul Walker. ALL PHOTOS GETTY IMAGES

Trying to make off with a piece of history

What kind of a ghoulish creep does something like this? Sorry. Alleged ghoulish creep. According to E! Online, after Fast and Furious star Paul Walker's fatal crash, the parts of his totaled Porsche were gathered in a truck for transport to the impound yard.

Unfortunately, when the truck was stopped at a light, a witness saw a man get out of his car and grab a piece of the wreckage.

"The male drove away with the stolen vehicle part," the report said.

Luckily, police were able to trace the man and they tracked down the stolen part. One suspect, Jameson Witty, was arrested in his home in Tujunga, Calif. The car part, a roof panel, was found in a different home.

Police are apparently arranging for a second suspect to turn himself in.

Walker died in a car accident Saturday afternoon in Los Angeles, his rep confirmed. He was 40 years old.

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OUR TAKE ON THE WORLD OF CELEBRITIES

The Word

Sharon Osbourne finds a new way to scare us all

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Sharon Osbourne shares that "it was just excruciating" having her lady-parts tightened by a surgeon. What? I didn't hear because I was distracted by the excruciating pain of sticking an ice pick in my ear. I have a feeling it was worth it, though.

Glamour UK names Henry Cavill the sexiest man of 2013 with Robert Pattinson and Liam Hemsworth in second and third spot, respectively. Tom Hiddleston is number four… . I apologize. That is the dumbest thing I've ever heard. In no realm are Superman, Sparkle Vamp and Not-Peta sexier than Loki. This list is obviously fake and stupid and I will say no more about it.

Joe Jonas says that he first tried pot when he was 17 and lost his virginity at 20. That explains why Miley Cyrus and Justin Bieber just laughed so hard they threw up on their own shoes.

Barbara Walters' Most Fascinating People list is comprised of an actress, an anchor, a pope, a prince, a swimmer, a singer, a data-leaker, a Kimye and some bearded duck people. Said John le Carré: "I smell a bestseller."

Olympic diver Tom Daley says that he's in a happy relationship with a guy while actress Maria Bello reveals she has a girlfriend. Dammit. That's not who I picked for the 2013 celebrity sexual orientation derby bifecta.

Amanda Bynes

Doctors warn Bynes off going to school

Finally out of psychiatric treatment, Amanda Bynes is eager to go back to school for fashion design, but apparently her doctors think she shouldn't.

"Amanda was told by her doctors that going to fashion school so soon after being released from the Canyons (treatment facility) is an absolutely terrible idea," a source tells Star magazine. "It's almost setting her up for failure. There will be pressure on Amanda as far as school work, deadlines, and it's unlikely she will be able to succeed."

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Kicking it old school

Parents not keen on reading e-books

Children's storybooks are in no danger of becoming extinct, suggests a report on how kids and parents are embracing e-books.

Based on the results of online surveys conducted for Booknet Canada, a non-profit industry organization that tracks sales and trends, it appears parents and children aren't eager to give up on the time-honoured tradition of flipping through paper books in favour of swiping around in digital content.

Of the more than 800 parents interviewed, about 41 per cent said they currently read e-books. More than 200 teens between 14 and 17 were also polled (with their parents' permission) and 27 per cent said they were e-book readers.

But few indicated they actually prefer digital books or could see themselves eschewing paperbacks for good.

Only one per cent of the parents polled said their kids aged 13 and under were at the point of reading more e-books than print books.

The researchers also asked parents how their kids were using mobile devices.

The report suggests just over 60 per cent of kids aged three or four have access to an Apple or Google Android phone or tablet in their home. Among 11- to 13-year-old kids, about 80 per cent had a device in their home.

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Playing Santa on a budget

Gift giving. What do you do if your kid asks the Big Guy for something expensive? Metro's columnist has some ideas

IT'S ALL RELATIVE
Kathy Buckworth
Kathybuckworth.com

'Tis the season to be stressed out, falalalala lalalala yikes.

While Christmas brings a lot of happiness to families, it can also be a frantic time, and the biggest causes of stress (according to a recent Leger survey conducted for PCFinancial) are associated with gifts: the buying and the giving. Forty-one per cent of Canadians surveyed listed budget as their top source of holiday stress, which was matched by 41 per cent also indicating they felt stress over choosing just the right gift. Clearly, finding the balance between the two is difficult.

Forty-one per cent of Canadians surveyed by Leger indicated budget as their top holiday stress. ISTOCK

For parents, it can be especially challenging when dealing with children, particularly those who assume it's Santa bringing their gifts, not penny-pinching mom and dad. But what can parents do when they know the most desired gift is well outside of even Santa's budget?

Have the kids make out a wish list, and check it twice to make sure they have listed more than one item. Budget or availability may make delivering that single desired object impossible. Explain to the kids that even Santa can be "out of stock" or have to spread his spending around.

Older kids (age seven-nine) should understand the value of money, even if they are expecting Santa to bring gifts. Suggest to them they can contribute earned chore money, or money saved in a bank account, to leave out for Santa, who can pocket the cash and deliver a more expensive gift in return.

Have a number and stick to it. It's easy to get stuck in the "evening out" trap when you have more than one child. If they are still counting the number of presents, fill some boxes with inexpensive candies or dollar store items.

The biggest joy of Christmas, according to the survey, is spending time with family (65 per cent), so it makes sense to give a (budget friendly) gift that families can enjoy together. Many kids ask for electronics, so look for one that can be shared.

Kobo has some terrific options to get families reading together, and its gift cards are an easy way to get new e-books, which can be given by other family members.

Cashing in loyalty points (as 46 per cent of Canadians say they will do) is a great way to purchase gift cards. A Cineplex gift card lets you share time at a movie with a family member. Give yourself a gift and deck those bills with vows of holiday savings. **GIVE THE GIFT OF KATHY'S, I AM SO THE BOSS OF YOU AVAILABLE AT BOOKSTORES EVERYWHERE, AND ON KOBO.**

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2. Stuffing: In non-stick dry skillet over medium heat, sauté onion until soft. Let cool.

3. Beat egg with milk in a large bowl. Add bread and wait 2 minutes to allow it to soak up liquid. Stir in onions, squash, pecans and cheese. Generously season with pepper.

4. Turkey: Slice turkey breast in half lengthwise, without cutting all the way through, and open like a book. Cover with plastic wrap and flatten with a butcher's mallet or a rolling pin, until about 1/2 inch (1 cm) thick.

5. Spread bottom part with stuffing and close up turkey breast to seal stuffing inside. If desired, tie with string like a roast or hold in place using toothpicks. Place in a baking dish pan and cover top of turkey with pancetta and thyme.

Ingredients

Stuffing
- 1/2 onion, finely chopped
- 1 egg
- 1/4 cup (60 ml) milk
- 2 slices of bread, cut into cubes
- 1 1/3 cup (325 ml) grated butternut squash
- 1/3 cup (75 ml) pecan pieces
- 5 oz (150 g) Gunn's Hill Five Brothers cheese, cut into small cubes
- Freshly ground pepper

Turkey
- 2 lb (1 kg) boneless skinless turkey breast
- 18 very thin slices of pancetta (about 4 oz/125 g)
- 2 tbsp (30 ml) thyme leaves

6. Roast for 1 hour or until meat thermometer reads 170 F (77 C). Let rest 10 minutes before slicing. Serve with seasonal vegetables. **DAIRY FARMERS OF CANADA (ALLYOUNEEDISCHEESE.CA/GRANDPRIX)**

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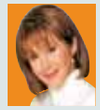

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It's fitting that in Mexico, where it originates, queso fresco literally means "fresh cheese". That's because it is a light cheese that is milky and mild. Queso fresco also has a trademark salty-sour kick, and while it's creamy by nature of its freshness, it's not rich or buttery tasting.

Here it stars in a delicious appetizer with apples and nuts.

1. Preheat oven to 450 F (230 C).

2. In an oven-safe medium baking dish, mix apples, butter, honey, rosemary and nuts, if using. Place cheese over apples, season to taste with pepper. Bake for 15 to 20 minutes or until hot and golden brown. Place the dish on the table and enjoy while the cheese is hot. **DAIRY FARMERS OF CANADA (ALLYOUNEEDISCHEESE.CA/GRANDPRIX)**

Ingredients

- 2 apples, sliced or cut into small wedges
- 1 tbsp (15 ml) butter, melted
- 1 tbsp (15 ml) honey
- 1 tsp (5 ml) fresh rosemary leaves
- 1/4 cup (60 ml) nuts, your choice (pistachios, walnuts, almonds, pecans, etc.), optional
- 8 oz (225 g) Latin Foods Queso Fresco cheese
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Taking your school to the streets: When campus meets community

Come on in! Canada's post-secondary school grounds are shifting from hidden away to becoming essential parts of their neighbourhoods

The digital media lab at the University of Waterloo's Stratford Campus has been designed to merge the school with the surrounding city. CONTRIBUTED

Historically, universities have been designed to feel like an educational oasis. Courtyards, student housing and large heritage buildings often give campus dwellers a feeling of exclusion from the rest of the city.

This is reflected in university layouts such as those found at the University of Toronto and McGill University — both established in the 1820s.

While architecturally significant, schools can often feel like they have their back to their communities.

But now, post-secondary institutions are making an attempt to change that. There is a new focus on creating better integration between schools and the communities that host them.

George Brown's new campus in downtown Toronto exposes pedestrians to the culinary school. Transparent walls provide a view into the school's learning restaurant.

In Montreal, a task force was created to ensure that future development at McGill continues to bring value to the surrounding areas and greater Montreal.

Another example is University of Waterloo's Stratford campus. The year-old digital media lab has been designed to connect to the city.

Large glass windows help to open the school up to the community. A three-storey, 150-screen digital media wall permanently displaying student work, and other information that serves the city, can be seen from outside of the building.

The third floor's open space and outdoor deck gets plenty of use from other companies — helping the school develop relationships with other organizations.

But does this new concept actually make a difference? Ginny Dybenko, executive director at University of Waterloo Stratford says universities must be connected to the community to be relevant.

Educated and open

"These activities at school like research, critical thinking, dreaming, all those innovative things, we have a tendency to become inwardly focused at universities, but this building doesn't allow that."

Ginny Dybenko
Executive director at University of Waterloo Stratford

"It's part of our role to create people who can contribute to the world. Having a space that encourages community and industry partners is very helpful," says Dybenko, who added it also directly affects students.

"These activities at school like research, critical thinking, dreaming, all those innovative things, we have a tendency to become inwardly focused at universities, but this building doesn't allow that."

Dybenko said there was always the idea to have something a little different when it came to designing the school's digital media centre.

Paul Stevens, a senior partner at ZAS, the architects behind the Stratford campus, says university architecture has changed over time.

"There was a serious attempt to integrate it to the street. It was designed to showcase the programs and accomplishments of that campus. You want it to contribute to the cultural life of the city."

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The next generation of groundbreakers

Bright ideas get a boost. Hootsuite aims to help young Canadian entrepreneurs make it big in business

A serious success story

- This week, Hootsuite, which boasts seven million users around the world, was named the only Canadian company on technology blog Mashable's list of top tech companies in 2013.
- Google, Twitter and Netflix were among the other notables to be recognized.

The founder of the social media management tool Hootsuite started two businesses as a teenager, and now he wants to help other young Canadian entrepreneurs make it big for themselves.

Ryan Holmes began his rise into the business world by opening a pizza restaurant and a paintball company when he was in his mid-teens.

He's now offering a total of $100,000 in grants to 10 youth between 17 and 22 as part of his recently launched non-profit foundation The Next Big Thing.

"About 100 kids have applied from all over the world," he said of the competition, which is open until Dec. 15.

Winners will get the kind of hands-on training that junior entrepreneurs need but can't access through the typical education route, Holmes said.

"I think there's a bit of a disconnect between traditional education programs and entrepreneurs," he said at Hootsuite's headquarters in Vancouver. "Often you hear about amazing entrepreneurs who ultimately are college dropouts."

"A lot of entrepreneurs are very experiential and hands -on learners and they need to just go and get into things. The goal of TNBT is to just get people into things, help accelerate them into a successful venture as soon as possible."

Holmes launched the foundation with fashion and film entrepreneur Meredith Powell, who also forged a business path at a young age.

"We're really looking for teens who might have started a business or have an idea to start a business," she said.

Along with $10,000 in grants, each innovator will learn skills from "top names" in the business world and get six months of education at Hootsuite's headquarters, where they'll learn about investing and understanding how to start a business, Powell said.

"We're bringing in incredible mentors, doing one-on-one sessions with them."

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Take note: Hootsuite, known as a "dashboard," allows users to send messages to various social networking sites or groups — such as Twitter, Facebook and Linkedin — at the same time and also attach images or documents. ISTOCK

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In search of nightmares

Adam the monster hunter. The career of a cryptozoologist combines both science and the supernatural

As one of the world's leading cryptozoologists, Adam Davies has pursued the death worm of Mongolia and the Mokele-mbembe lake monster of Congo, the Sasquatch and the Yeti. The British explorer spoke to us about the need to make his passion more respectable.

What is cryptozoology?
It's basically looking for unknown or undiscovered animals, and that for me is about working with credible scientists. It's a broad sphere and you have to dismiss some of it. If someone says they saw a unicorn in their garden I'm not interested, but if they saw a rare primate in the jungle it's game on.

Where are your hunting grounds?

Adam Davies is serious about a job that some might find silly. HANDOUT

In the last year I've looked for Bigfoot in the US, and the Orang Pendek — the Sumatran ape-man. I've looked for the Congolese dinosaur for the BBC and the Yeti in Nepal. I've been almost anywhere on the planet, mostly on my own time and money.

What is your number 1 ambition?
I've always been interested in bipedal primates and if I could prove the Orang Pendek that would be the find of the century. We've come close to proving it with hairs and prints, most skeptics would accept it's highly plausible.

Are these species being covered up?
I don't believe so as I have worked with governments on my projects. The problem is the species are very rare and elusive, as you would be if you were under threat.

Some of cryptozoology is just bizarre right?
It's a broad area and that's why it's important to work with credible scientists to corroborate findings. We need more rigor in the field, such as through sending hairs for DNA tests. But there is also a place for eccentricity. METRO WORLD NEWS

Artist's rendering of the Orang Pendek.
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'Round the world wisdom

Expectations can be a heavy burden

The severe market crash in October 2008 changed my life. I started running to regain my health, both emotional and physical. Shortly after I took my first steps, I ran the Gobi March in China in June '09, followed by the Atacama Crossing in Chile in '10 and the Sahara Race in Egypt in '11. In this post, I share a lesson about life, learned from the desert.

LESSONS FROM THE DESERT
Stéfan Danis
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I started the Gobi March hoping to finish it. I ran free of expectations for the first four days, each a marathon in length. Somehow, I ran it very fast. I wasn't paying attention to the results, simply grateful to be there, each day closer to finishing the race. After the fourth day, I was then advised that I was in the lead in the 40- to 50-year-old category.

On the fifth day, it all changed. I started to run not to lose. Each of us ran the race with about 25 pounds of food, meds, survival gear, and clothes in our backpacks. On day five, I started to add invisible baggage to my backpack; expectations, stress, and especially fear of failure. It no longer weighed 25 pounds, it weighed a ton, and I ran slowly and nervously. My mental narrative until then was "this is the most beautiful desert I've ever seen". Now, all I could hear myself say was "don't mess up".

I realized that my whole life had been lived with outcomes in mind. When I returned home, I became present to a much bigger problem; I put expectations on others too! I was adding weight to others' already full backpacks.

Today, I try to avoid having expectations around a specific outcome. I tell people I can be counted on to give my best effort, and I ask the same from others.

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Bruins still too big, too bad for Leafs

Maple Leafs forward Carter Ashton finds himself in the middle of a pack of angry Bruins on Sunday night at Air Canada. The Leafs fell 5-2.

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Raps looking to future with trade

NBA. With seven-player splash, GM Ujiri begins to put his stamp on middle-of-the-pack roster

General manager Masai Ujiri is on the verge of a monster trade to continue the building process in Toronto with the Raptors.

A deal that would send Rudy Gay, Quincy Acy and Aaron Gray to the Sacramento Kings for point guard Greivis Vasquez, Patrick Patterson, Chuck Hayes and John Salmons will get NBA league approval Monday morning, league sources said, as the process of long-term building for Toronto moves into high gear.

First reported by Yahoo Sports and confirmed by Raptor and league sources, the deal meant none of Gay, Gray or Acy played for Toronto in Los Angeles against the Lakers on Sunday night while team officials awaited Monday's league approval.

It is by far Ujiri's boldest and most significant move as the Raptors general manager and a clear message to fans that he is far more concerned with the long-term future of the roster than this season.

Only Vasquez, who would immediately be the primary backup to point guard Kyle Lowry, can be seen as a vital part; according to sources close to the Kings, the other players in the trade are bit players at the most.

And by divesting himself of Gay's substantial contract — with this season and next at about $38 million — Ujiri would have ridden himself of his most costly player and eased a logjam that exists with Gay and DeMar DeRozan.

There is no long-term financial risk with the players coming back.

TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

One less ball hog in Hogtown

Gay the first bomb to drop in Tank Nation?

CATHAL KELLY
Special to Metro

In off-loading flighty wing and human anvil Rudy Gay to the Kings, Raptors GM Masai Ujiri has finally given the order for this season — "Dive".

From the start, they said they'd give themselves 45 days to see what they had. Sunday was Day 40 of the season. They already knew.

The trade is a like-for-like salary wise — Toronto is sending about $21 million US Sacramento's way, while taking about $19 million back.

Short-term, there is one small problem with the deal — it may tend to make the Raptors better.

Despite his tendency for late-game heroics, Gay has become one of the great ballstoppers in the NBA.

Now Ujiri's job gets difficult with more trades likely on the horizon.

The team not only covets a top-five pick in the 2014 draft; management believes there is a path to acquiring another first-round pick in the top 15.

That requires a multi-faceted approach to being awful. **GO TO METRONEWS.CA FOR MORE ON THE TRADE AND FOR RESULTS FROM SUNDAY NIGHT'S GAME AGAINST THE LAKERS.**

The Raptors trade Rudy Gay to the Sacramento Kings on Sunday night.

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NFL

Bills guaranteed losers again in '13

Buffalo coach Doug Marrone didn't mince any words after a one-sided loss.

Rookie Mike Glennon threw two touchdown passes to pace the Buccaneers to a 27-6 win over the Bills on Sunday in Tampa, Fla.

The Bills have lost five of six, are assured of finishing without a winning record for the ninth straight season, and also are likely to extend the NFL's longest current playoff drought to 14 consecutive seasons.

"I find it very difficult after that game to stand up here and defend a lot of things," said Marrone.

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Curling

Jacobs joining Jones in Sochi

Brad Jacobs will represent Canada at the Winter Olympics.

Jacobs downed John Morris 7-4 on Sunday to win the final at the Canadian Olympic curling trials in Winnipeg.

Morris kept it tight until the ninth end when Jacobs moved ahead 7-4 coming home, even though he surrendered the hammer.

Winnipeg's Jennifer Jones won the women's spot Saturday night.

THE CANADIAN PRESS

Olympic memorabilia

Owens gold goes for $1.4 million

An Olympic gold medal won by Jesse Owens at the 1936 Berlin Games has sold for a record $1.4 million in an online auction.

SCP Auctions said Pittsburgh Penguins co-owner Ron Burkle paid $1,466,574, the highest price for a piece of Olympic memorabilia.

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Skiing

"I know I can win again. ... I'm ready for Sochi."

Lindsey Vonn after a fifth-place finish in the World Cup super-G on Sunday in Lake Louise, Alta., her third race in three days. Until this past weekend, the 29-year-old American had not competed since a crash last February ripped two ligaments in her right knee and broke a bone in that leg.

49ers ground rival Seahawks

NFL. San Fran keeps its NFC West title hopes alive by edging Seattle

The San Francisco 49ers aren't handing over their two-year division reign just yet. And certainly not on their home field where they rarely lose against the NFC West.

Phil Dawson kicked a 22-yard field goal with 26 seconds remaining and the Niners held off the nemesis Seahawks 19-17 on Sunday, denying Seattle a chance to clinch the division at Candlestick Park.

Frank Gore broke a 51-yard gain with just more than four minutes left to set up the go-ahead 11-play, 76-yard drive as the 49ers (9-4) kept the playoff-bound Seahawks (11-2) from grabbing away the West in San Francisco.

Colin Kaepernick of the 49ers scrambles with the Seahawks' Bobby Wagner in pursuit on Sunday in San Francisco. GETTY IMAGES

Dawson's fourth field goal of the day gave him 20 straight converted field goals, a franchise record topping Joe Nedney's 18 consecutive in 2006-07.

Russell Wilson threw a 39-yard touchdown pass to Luke Willson and Marshawn Lynch ran for an 11-yard score for Seattle.

The 49ers are unbeaten at home against the West since losing to the Seahawks on Oct. 26, 2008. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Snow wreaks havoc

Blowing snow made traction and visibility difficult for the Lions at Eagles, Vikings at Ravens, Chiefs at Redskins, and Dolphins at Steelers.

- Conditions were at their worst in Philly, where predictions had been for a bit of snow later in the day, not a full-scale squall.
- Detroit running back Reggie Bush injured himself on the slippery field at the Linc in warm-ups and did not play in the Lions' 34-20 loss.

NHL

EASTERN CONFERENCE

ATLANTIC DIVISION

	GP	W	L	OL	GF	GA	Pt
Montreal	31	19	9	3	85	65	41
Boston	29	19	8	2	79	59	40
Detroit	31	15	9	7	85	82	37
Tampa Bay	29	17	10	2	80	70	36
Toronto	30	16	11	3	84	82	35
Ottawa	30	11	14	5	86	99	27
Florida	30	9	16	5	68	98	23
Buffalo	30	6	22	2	51	91	14

METROPOLITAN DIVISION

	GP	W	L	OL	GF	GA	Pt
Pittsburgh	31	20	10	1	96	70	41
Washington	29	15	12	2	88	84	32
NY Rangers	30	15	14	1	68	76	31
Carolina	30	13	12	5	71	84	31
New Jersey	31	12	13	6	69	77	30
Philadelphia	29	13	14	2	64	73	28
Columbus	29	12	14	3	72	80	27
NY Islanders	30	8	17	5	75	104	21

Sunday's results
San Jose at Minnesota
Florida at Chicago
Boston at Toronto
Washington at NY Rangers
Colorado at Vancouver

Saturday's results
Dallas 5 Philadelphia 1
Winnipeg 2 Tampa Bay 1 (OT)
Washington 5 Nashville 2
Boston 3 Pittsburgh 2
Florida 2 Detroit 1

WESTERN CONFERENCE

CENTRAL DIVISION

	GP	W	L	OL	GF	GA	Pt
Chicago	31	20	6	5	110	87	45
St. Louis	28	19	6	3	98	66	41
Colorado	27	20	7	0	81	62	40
Minnesota	31	17	9	5	74	74	39
Dallas	28	14	9	5	81	80	33
Winnipeg	31	14	13	4	82	88	32
Nashville	30	13	14	3	67	88	29

PACIFIC DIVISION

	GP	W	L	OL	GF	GA	Pt
Anaheim	32	20	7	5	101	84	45
San Jose	29	19	5	5	100	72	43
Los Angeles	30	19	7	4	79	62	42
Phoenix	29	16	8	5	94	93	37
Vancouver	31	16	10	5	83	80	37
Calgary	29	11	14	4	78	98	26
Edmonton	31	10	18	3	84	105	23

Note: Two points for a win, one point for overtime loss.

Montreal 3 Buffalo 2
Toronto 4 Ottawa 3 (SO)
New Jersey 4 NY Rangers 3 (OT)
Anaheim 5 St. Louis 2
Calgary 2 Edmonton 1 (OT)
Los Angeles 3 NY Islanders 0

Monday's games — All Times Eastern
Philadelphia at Ottawa, 7:30 p.m.
Columbus at Pittsburgh, 7:30 p.m.
NY Islanders at Anaheim, 10 p.m.
Carolina at Vancouver, 10 p.m.

SCORING LEADERS

	G	A	Pts
Crosby, Pgh	15	27	42
Malkin, Pgh	7	30	37
Getzlaf, Ana	16	20	36
Kane, Chi	16	18	34
Perry, Ana	18	15	33
Steen, StL	20	12	32
Tavares, NYI	11	21	32
Thornton, SJ	5	27	32
Ovechkin, Wash	22	9	31
Kunitz, Pgh	17	14	31

Not including last night's games

NFL

WEEK 14

Sunday's results
Kansas City 45 Washington 10
Baltimore 29 Minnesota 26
Tampa Bay 27 Buffalo 6
N.Y. Jets 37 Oakland 27
Miami 34 Pittsburgh 28
New England 27 Cleveland 26
Cincinnati 42 Indianapolis 28
Green Bay 22 Atlanta 21
Philadelphia 34 Detroit 20
Denver 51 Tennessee 28
San Diego 37 N.Y. Giants 14
San Francisco 19 Seattle 17
Arizona 30 St. Louis 10
Carolina at New Orleans

Monday's game — All Times Eastern
Dallas at Chicago, 8:40 p.m.

NBA

EASTERN CONFERENCE

	W	L	Pct	GB
d-Indiana	18	2	.900	—
d-Miami	15	5	.750	3
Atlanta	11	10	.524	7 1/2
d-Boston	10	12	.455	9
Detroit	10	10	.500	8
Washington	9	10	.474	8 1/2
Charlotte	9	11	.450	9
Chicago	8	10	.444	9
Cleveland	7	13	.350	11
Toronto	6	12	.333	11
Philadelphia	7	14	.333	11 1/2
Orlando	6	13	.316	11 1/2
Brooklyn	6	14	.300	12
New York	5	14	.263	12 1/2
Milwaukee	4	16	.200	14

WESTERN CONFERENCE

	W	L	Pct	GB
d-Portland	17	4	.810	—
d-San Antonio	15	4	.789	1
Oklahoma City	14	4	.778	1 1/2
d-L.A. Clippers	13	8	.619	4
Houston	14	7	.667	3
Dallas	13	8	.619	4
Denver	12	8	.600	4 1/2
Golden State	12	9	.571	5
Phoenix	11	9	.550	5 1/2
L.A. Lakers	10	9	.526	6
New Orleans	9	10	.474	7
Memphis	9	10	.474	7
Minnesota	9	11	.450	7 1/2
Sacramento	5	13	.278	10 1/2
Utah	4	18	.182	13 1/2

d – division leaders

Sunday's results
Boston 114 New York 73
Miami at Detroit
Orlando at Houston
Indiana at Oklahoma City
Toronto at L.A. Lakers

Monday's games — All Times Eastern
L.A. Clippers at Philadelphia, 7 p.m.
Golden State at Charlotte, 7 p.m.
Denver at Washington, 7 p.m.
Orlando at Memphis, 8 p.m.
Portland at Utah, 9 p.m.
Dallas at Sacramento, 10 p.m.

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Saturday's result
Sporting Kansas City 1 Real Salt Lake 1
(Sporting K.C. wins 7-6 on penalty kicks)

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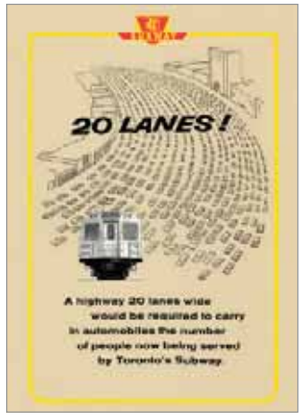
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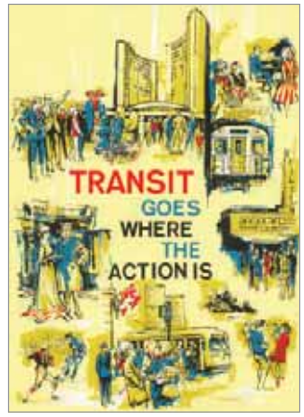
A highway 20 lanes wide would be required to carry in automobiles the number of people now being served by Toronto's Subway



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Horoscopes

♈ Aries
March 21 - April 20
You may be open and honest by nature but is letting any one and everyone know what you are thinking such a good idea?

♉ Taurus
April 21 - May 21
There is a lot of pressure on you at the moment, the sort that would make other people crack. But you're not other people, you're a Taurus, and giving in and giving up are not in your nature. What's the worst that can happen?

♊ Gemini
May 22 - June 21
You may have to be cruel to be kind today. The planets indicate that someone you are close to emotionally needs to be reminded that they can't always have things their own way.

♋ Cancer
June 22 - July 23
Jupiter in your sign is giving you plenty of big ideas but because the planet of expansion is moving retrograde at the moment you must take care.

♌ Leo
July 24 - Aug. 23
Whatever your current problems may be they're not as bad as they seem.

♍ Virgo
Aug. 24 - Sept. 23
You will encounter hostility of some sort over the next 24 hours, most likely from someone who resents your ability to point out where they are going wrong. If it gets heated you would be wise to turn your back and walk away.

♎ Libra
Sept. 24 - Oct. 23
Make a point of respecting other people's right to have opinions you don't agree with. If you must criticize what they say at least do so in a civilized fashion.

♏ Scorpio
Oct. 24 - Nov. 22
No matter how honest you think someone may be you would be wise not to let them make decisions for you today, especially if those decisions involve your hard-earned cash.

♐ Sagittarius
Nov. 23 - Dec. 21
Some of the people you have to deal with today will drag their feet and find excuses why they cannot deliver what you require.

♑ Capricorn
Dec. 22 - Jan. 20
Someone you work or do business with has been taking liberties of late and you are almost at the point where you have to say something rude.

♒ Aquarius
Jan. 21 - Feb. 19
Try not to get excited about something that is not important today or you may miss out on something that is. There are so many distractions in your life at the moment that your brain cannot possibly keep track of them all.

♓ Pisces
Feb. 20 - March 20
If you are smart you will tone down some of your more outrageous ideas today, at least while in the presence of people you need to stay on good terms with.

SALLY BROMPTON

Crossword: Canada Across and Down

See today's answers at metronews.ca/answers.

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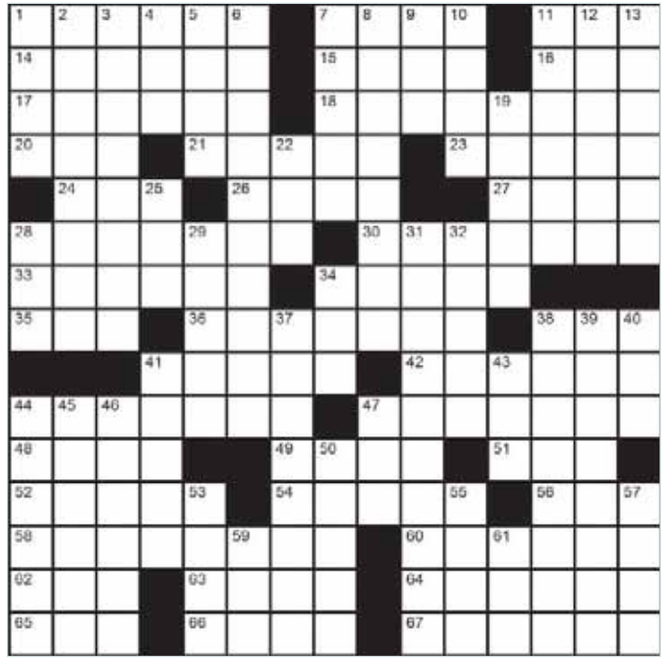


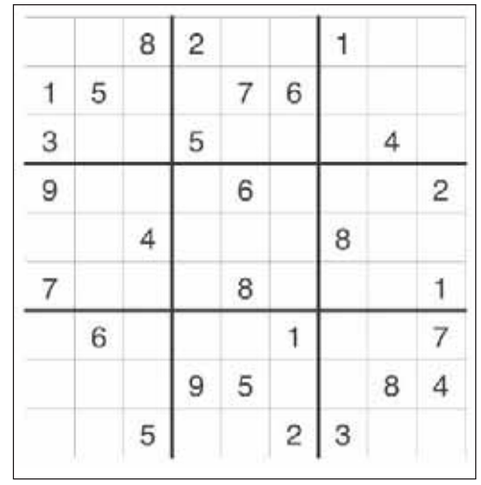
Across
1. Southern Manitoba community
7. Good: French
11. Knee injury [acronym]
14. Flip over the 'Closed' sign
15. To, archaically
16. Francis __, "Love Story" (1970) score composer
17. Tempt the fish again
18. "We are __ / We are golden..." - Joni Mitchell, "Woodstock"
20. __ Paulo, Brazil
21. Second Cup offering
23. Medieval helmet
24. Stone __
26. Raise
27. Blue dye
28. Imperativeness
30. Niagara-on-the-Lake export
33. Communicate in the direction of, lion-style: 2 wds.
34. Some papers
35. Holiday __
36. Explanatory picture
38. Guileful
41. Religious orders
42. Kitchen gadget, lemon __
44. Early computer programing language
47. Monty __ Flying Circus
48. Prefix with 'logical'
49. Eyes: Spanish
51. Tycoon Mr. 'O'
52. "Chip '_ __: Rescue Rangers"
54. Terra __
56. "Oh, give __ _ home..."
58. Group of Seven member, _._. __ (b.1898 - d.1992)
60. Cleopatra's guy
62. Batch
63. Leaning Tower of __
64. Bring on
65. Charlotte's Web author Mr. White, et al.
66. Hair accessories
67. Took a breather

Down
1. Train stn. postings
2. Canada's 'Metal Queen', born in Belleville, ON: 2 wds.
3. Sled
4. __-locka, Florida
5. Mr. Young
6. Lieu of Prince Harry's current charity trek: 2 wds.
7. Rapper, __ Rhymes
8. The BC __
9. 7th Greek letter
10. Romance novelist Ms. Roberts
11. Reunion attendees
12. __ __ point... (For example...)
13. Small
19. Sketches
22. Scottish writer, Josephine __
25. 'Ballad' suffix
28. Spoonbender Mr. Geller
29. Consumer advocate, Ralph __
31. Emily Carr's painting The __ __ recently sold for $3.39 million, a record-breaking auction price for her
32. Ant, archaically
34. Friends of HIJKs
37. Free: 3 wds.
38. Leave in a huff: 2 wds.
39. Mildness, as in a judge's ruling
40. Mos. and mos.
41. Tunic of ancient Rome
43. Doo-Wop music syllable
44. Closing curtain
45. Honey Do List task: 2 wds.
46. Is affected by
47. Plant holder
50. The __ Brothers
53. Sporty TV network
55. Author Ms. Rice
57. Positively-replied at sea
59. "Sprechen __ Deutsch?"
61. QB's feats

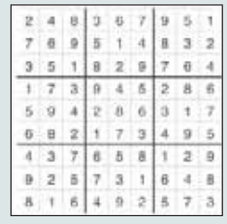
Friday's Crossword

Sudoku

How to play
Fill in the grid, so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1-9. There is no math involved.



Friday's Sudoku



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